

Office of City Attorney

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Federal Communication Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: CITY OF GREENSBORO, GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA COMMENTS ON NPR FCC 04-189 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEMS

Dear Sirs,

The City of Greensboro has the following comments with regard to the above referenced proposed rules;

- 1- The proposed rules fail to recognize the authority of local governments and municipalities with regard to their local emergency alert systems which have been operated and governed under local rules for the past several decades;
- 2- The proposed rules pose a challenge to local control over cable franchising which is guaranteed to the local governments through state authority by the Constitution of the United States;
- 3- The proposed rules pose a challenge to the local governing body's rights and the state's right to control emergency communication in direct violation of "states rights" as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States;
- 4- The proposed rules are an attempt to illegally preempt local emergency alert systems.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Very Truly Yours,

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